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DATE: September 14, 2006
TO: Testing Coordinators, Superintendents, and Principals
FROM: Rosemary Abell, Assessment Program Manager
SUBJECT: ISAT Testing and Extension

Earlier this week the Board of Education emailed and faxed a memo confirming second graders will continue to be tested during the fall testing window in accordance with Board rule. During the August ISAT Refresher Training, we erroneously reported that testing second graders was optional. Because of this information, several districts had not planned to test second graders. We are extremely apologetic for this misinformation and for the confusion and consternation this has unduly caused you.

To help with meeting this continuing requirement, the testing window has been extended by two weeks. Testing was set to end October 27, but will be **extended to November 10**. This will allow school districts to proceed with the testing as planned and the additional time can be used to test second graders. Of course, school districts can use the additional time to test any students they choose, but the extra time is specifically to help with the second grade test administration.

We will email and fax technical instructions to you for submitting the Class Roster Files for second grade to NWEA. Again, this was an error on the testing program's part and we will do everything to try to make this change as painless as possible.

If you have further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 208.332.1573 or rosemary.abell@osbe.idaho.gov or accountability@osbe.idaho.gov. You may also contact Dwight Johnson, Executive Director of the State Board of Education, at 208.332.1565 or dwight.johnson@osbe.idaho.gov and Karen Echeverria, Deputy Director of the State Board, at 208.332.1567 or karen.echeverria@osbe.idaho.gov.

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